



Service of Worship
1st Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

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This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Amy Bickhart, Lola Miller, Cassandra Piovoso, Judy Stoffer, Lois Underhill, Lowell Underhill

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship, but may prefer other opportunities to grow in faith. If you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary after the Time with our Children and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers. Class meets in the **Preschool Suite Classroom A.**
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade gather in the **main hallway and walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room.** The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C.**
- ❖ **Children, grades 3 - 5** will stay in Worship with parent today.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir & Sing-to-Praise Rehearsal | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 for Grades 3 – 5 | Classroom 4 (Art Room) |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class for Grades 9 and 10 | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

11:15 a.m.

Flying Solo 1616 Delaware Avenue

12:00 p.m

Fellowship Time Meeting Room

Later Today

1:00 pm	Home Communion	Member’s Homes
5:00 pm	180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Community Hall/Classroom 6
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
7:00 p.m.	Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction	Daughtry House Conf. Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room



Westminster is certified as an “Earth Care Congregation” by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God’s creation and being good stewards of earth’s resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian Congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenna Lee Fox Devonshire.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com for available dates.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Those recently hospitalized: Tom Speers.
- ❖ Westminster's homebound who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Emmett and Ann Jacobs, Betty Murchison and Les Whitney, all at Maris Grove.

Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. You may submit a prayer request by leaving a confidential message on 302-654-5848, ext. 335, or filling out a prayer request card (in the pew pocket) and placing it in the offering plate.

Afghanistan and Iraq often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis and members of coalition forces continue to die. As Christians, we are called to pray for the spreading of peace and justice and an end to violence. If someone in your family is serving in the military, please let us know, so that we may include that person on our prayer list. Contact Cathy Lang: 302-654-5214 ext. 129, or cathylang@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you can obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 are also available from the ushers.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church family, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website www.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The 40 days of Lent give us a rigorous roadmap to follow Jesus. We walk several steps behind him as we watch him fast, pray, discipline himself, reflect on his thoughts and actions, and care for the needy. First we watch, then we emulate the way he treats others and honors God. As we sit in the pew and focus our eyes on the Resurrection window, we ask God to crack open our tired souls and closed minds to let today's words be fresh air.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Communion

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit.
We will strive to follow the way that leads to abundant living.

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER

**God of grace and mercy,
in these forty days of Lent
you lead us into the desert of self-examination.
We pray that through a pilgrimage of prayer and reflection
we might draw closer to the life you call us to live.
May we have the strength to relinquish the false gods that lead us away from you
and the courage to embrace Christ-like ways of living.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care or Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

New Testament, page 3
Walt Huzar, Lay Reader

SERMON

Greg Jones

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able*

OFFERING

“Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.”
(Proverbs 11:24)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Apple Tree”
Westminster Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

When Jesus enjoyed a meal with tax collectors and sinners,
he proclaimed that God's love knows no bounds.

We accept both the comfort and the challenge of that witness.
All are invited to share this meal and to be nourished by the Bread of Life.

HYMN NO. 783

“When We Are Tested”

ANGELS OF HEALING

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Eternal God...

LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(*Organ*)

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross
(O Man thy grievous sin bemoan)

J. S. Bach

(*Choir*)

“Call to Remembrance, O Lord”

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to Thy mercy, think Thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

KINGDOM

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

arr. Robert Hebble

Savior again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease.
Then lowly kneeling wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family,
we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Tammy Daley, at the back of the center aisle following the service.
She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



Daylight Saving Time Begins – Sunday, March 12, 2:00 a.m.

Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks one hour AHEAD before you go to bed this Saturday night (March 11). We don't want you to be late for church on Sunday morning! ☺

Lenten Daily Devotionals

“The Lenten journey to Easter is our annual opportunity to intensely renew what it means to be united with Christ, to be aligned with Christ, to live as Christ’s own—in and for the world.”

- Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Lord

As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to take a Coloring Calendar and companion Devotional Booklet from the Literature Table (beside the Reception Desk), and to use these materials as a guide during this forty-day journey. We hope these resources will prove meaningful as you seek to follow Christ during this holy season.



Sunday Seminars This Morning

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why do some Christian Bibles have different books? Who decided which books would be included and how were they chosen? Join Bob Cox to explore these and other questions as we use video lectures, archeological discoveries, samples of key texts, and various classroom aids to follow the path of our sacred scriptures from pre-history to the digital age.

Lent: The Season of "Bright Sadness"

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Emily Schwenker

Would it surprise you to learn that there is no mention of the season of Lent in the Bible? Have you ever wondered why Lent consists of only 40 days when, actually, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday? What is the purpose of Lent anyway, and why do so many Christians fast during this time? Bring your questions and your curiosity and join the Rev. Emily Schwenker to learn more about this mysterious season called Lent.

EVENING EVENT

*Co-Sponsored by Westminster Adult Education and the
Community for Integrative Learning (CIL)*

This Thursday, March 9

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Rodney Chapel at WPC

"We Were Made for This Moment"

with Eileen Flanagan, Quaker teacher and climate justice activist

A graduate of Duke and Yale University, Eileen Flanagan is the award-winning author of three books, most recently *Renewable: One Woman's Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope*, which won a 2015 Silver Nautilus Book Award. She speaks to international audiences on topics ranging from personal empowerment and spirituality to climate justice.

Music at Westminster

presents

The 2017 Winter Musical Gala

**Friday, March 10
8:00 p.m.**

Featuring

- Westminster's vocal soloists:
Diana Milburn, soprano
Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano
David Price, tenor
Travis Lucas, baritone
- The Westminster Choir
- Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe
- Paul Fleckenstein, organ and piano

This year's annual winter concert promises to be a uniquely diverse program, including sacred music, opera, operetta, musical theatre, art song, sea chanty, and foot-stompin' gospel tunes. Join us for an evening of fabulous music, followed by equally fabulous homemade edible treats.

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